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REMARKS

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Rudolstadt.

1. Between 11 and 25 May 1951, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt (M 51/I 54) quartered a rear unit of about 100 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Up to about 90 soldiers, organized into small groups, received close-order drill on 15 and 23 May. Truck [REDACTED] was observed at the installation. 25X1B
2. The view into the Flak Kaserne, Rudolstadt, is barred by a high wall. On 15 and 22 May, the installation seemed to be almost vacant. Only 28 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets marched into the installation, coming from the town. Rudolstadt residents said that only a rear unit of about 30 men remained in the quarters after 500 to 800 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left for a troop training grounds. *
3. The Alte Kaserne in Rudolstadt has a large old barracks building in the northwestern section of the billeting area, and on the other three sides, small three-story barracks buildings which previously housed German civilians. The installation, which is surrounded by a high board fence, has been occupied by Soviet troops since 1945. Between 11 and 25 May 1951, it quartered a rear detail of about 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No vehicular traffic was observed. When the bulk of the troops departed for a troop training grounds, they took the furniture with them. **
4. The Soviet komendantura in Rudolstadt was located in a villa of the Richter Firm. Its personnel numbered 40 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. These troops were engaged in physical training and close-order drill on 15 and 22 May.

Saalfeld.

5. One building of the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld (M 51/I 53) quartered a rear unit of 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was previously occupied by about 1,000 troops. On four days between 11 and 24 May, small groups of not more than 30 soldiers were seen drilling. When the majority of the troops departed, some soldiers said that they would go to Ohrdruf and probably not return until the fall. *

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according to which elements of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Rudolstadt and Sealfeld have been at Ohrdruf since April 1951. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the installation referred to as Alte Kaserne is the finance office on bedanplats which houses the Hq 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The designation Alte Kaserne was once used in May 1948 by another source who believed the installation to house the division headquarters.

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